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South Run RECenter Expansion Project Groundbreaking Approaches

South Run RECenter will be expanding, a reflection of the increased interest in fitness and recreation from the local community as well as an opportunity to improve amenities at the existing facility which serves the Springfield District. Groundbreaking ceremonies are slated for Saturday, May 12 at 1 p.m. outside the RECenter located at 7550 Reservation Drive in Springfield Va. The public is invited to these brief ceremonies followed by light refreshments.

A two story fitness room addition of approximately 7,000 square feet will be constructed to the west side of the RECenter and the service road. A lighted parking lot expansion of 65 spaces will also be constructed to the west of the new addition between the existing service road and woods. The project also includes a stormwater management facility, landscaping and other site related improvements. The project costs are approximately \$3.6 million and are funded by the park bond program.

"We are very pleased to add this new space to the RECenter," said Park Authority Board Member Kenneth Feng. He added, "As the Springfield District representative I understand how important this facility is to the community and how much our residents enjoy being able to use our facility for a variety of activities. Fitness is having a national resurgence and this expansion will help us to meet the growing need for new space."

South Run District Park is a 192-acre park features a variety of amenities including the RECenter which opened in 1988. Falls Church Construction Corporation is the contractor. The expansion addresses the need for an additional fitness center and program space identified in the 2004 Needs Assessment Report. The project is scheduled for completion in August, 2008.

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